

MAY. 15. 2006 8:59AM

RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER

NO. 6631 P. 1/5

MAY 15 2006

PTO/SB/97 (05-04)

Approved for use through 07/31/2006. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it contains a valid OMB control number.

Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8

USPTO Fax No.: (571) 273-8300

EXAMINER: ANNA GOFMAN

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being facsimile transmitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office

on May 15, 2006
Date

Frances G. Lestardo
Signature

FRANCES G. LESTARDO

Typed or printed name of person signing Certificate

302-892-7924

Telephone Number

Registration Number, if applicable

Note: Each paper must have its own certificate of transmission, or this certificate must identify each submitted paper.

10/656,736

SS3335USDIV1

AMENDMENT (4 PAGES)

Page 1 of 1

This collection of Information is required by 37 CFR 1.8. The Information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 1.8 minutes to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

MAY 15 2006 8:59AM

NO. 6631 P. 2/5

Rev. 10/93

**RECEIVED
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

MAY 15 2006

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1771
PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN THE APPLICATION OF:

JOHN C. CLEARY ET. AL.

CASE NO.: SS3335USDIV1

APPLICATION NO.: 10/656,736

CONFIRMATION NO.: 9090

GROUP ART UNIT: 1771

EXAMINER: ANNA GOFMAN

FILED: SEPTEMBER 05, 2003

FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR HEATING NONWOVEN WEBS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated 21 February 2006,
Applicants submit the following remarks.

Sir: